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HAWAII'S CIVILIZING SPIRIT.

Some years ago a speaker at a local celebration said that the civilizing influence of the white colony in Hawaii which had redeemed the natives would yet reach the yellow races. It was the thought of the speaker that Asiatics could not always live in the midst of a virile white civilization without catching some of its spirit, and that in the long run they would furnish missionaries to labor for political and social regeneration among their own people.

One might have supposed that the Japanese would be first to realize this expectation and to some important extent they have done so. It does not take a little brown man long, who arrives here in a figured kimono and straw sandals, to acquire a cheap American suit, a red or lavender necktie, hat and shoes, and to indulge in soda water on a hot day. Further than that we cannot answer for the civilizing influence of Hawaii upon the Mikado's subjects. But the more conservative Chinese have made a long stride, by virtue of their surroundings, to reach the goal set before them by Leung Chi-tso, a young political reformer who in his earlier youth caught the spirit of the English colony at Hongkong. He found here a Chinese population which had been weaned in a great degree from the conservative traditions of their country: who believed in reform and innovations; who were ready, even, to sacrifice their lives for the encouragement of racial progress. The number of those who have accepted Leung Chi-tso's gospel is very great and they are ready, if the opportunity comes, to go to China and spread it there with voice or sword. We hold that the new movement is as complimentary to Hawaii as it is to the young Hongkong reformer: for it was here that his followers were prepared to receive him in an appreciative spirit.

Much of this missionary work has been unconsciously done. There was no such union of purpose and effort on behalf of the Asiatics as there was on behalf of the natives. The yellow and brown sojourners here have simply breathed in or assimilated liberal ideas. It is strange to think that this small archipelago may have a decisive part in the regeneration of the oldest empire in the world, yet as the speaker of years ago said to his Honolulu audience, in the smallest countries the greatest causes have begun their headway. There was a creed of fishermen once in Judea; there were inspirations for all the world among the Isles of Greece; the career of the French empire began in Corsica; and the whole world has been influenced for a thousand years by those little islands in the northern seas whose fierce winds unroll the red flag of England.

THE CRISIS IN CHINA.

The revolution in China, for that is what the Boxer movement has become, probably marks the beginning of the end of China's autonomy. All the European powers have agreed with the assent of Japan and the United States to intervene and when they do so they will probably demand territorial compensation. Russia already has Manchuria and this whets the appetite of other powers, notably Germany, England and France. Each one of them and some others besides now have their spheres of influence staked out and it will be an easy thing, on the plea of guaranteeing order, to quietly nationalize them and put the Chinese population under white suzerainty.

We believe that such a movement will be fraught with benefits to the Chinese people who are too much fettered with tradition to do anything for themselves. As it was, so they will have it in China. It needs the stimulus, not only of white example but white compulsion, to make the people any different than their remote ancestors were. True, Chinese have been made adaptable to white ways when they lived in a white man's country, but not to any significant extent in their own. There they need to be ruled by whites and when they are, and see the advantages of western knowledge and come to share in the gains that must accrue from the development of China's resources by western enterprise and capital, they will become a changed people. Let them learn that Confucius was a crank when he forbade them to delve for wealth under the surface of the earth and that such delving will give them more prosperity than they ever had in the past; and when to all this is given facility in manufacturing and a vast market for the product, the Chinese will leap out of their conservatism as a strong man leaps out of bed and go with more than Japanese spirit into the activities of modern life.

It is a great prospect which events are opening up: the beginning of a new and perhaps startling chapter in the history of the world.

THE VICE PRESIDENCY.

One of the defects in the Federal Constitution is its failure to endow the Vice-Presidency with responsible duties so as to make it an object of ambition to first-class men. About all a Vice-President has to do now is to wait for a funeral. He is expected, it is true, to preside over the deliberations of the Senate; but his post is so much inferior in power and influence to the speakership of the House that no man in whom self-respect is sensitive really enjoys it. The presiding officer of the Senate has nothing to do with making the rules of that body and the Senate, by electing a president pro tem, who is usually more expert than the Vice-President in parliamentary usages and in legislative customs quite plainly hints that the less it sees of the Vice-President in the chair the better it will be satisfied. As a result first-class men avoid the second place in the government and because of that men who would never have been thought of

for the Presidency now and then succeed to it. If his chief had died in office the United States might have suffered under the magistracy of Aaron Burr if it had not been for the fact that he was a successor to Abraham Lincoln, a drunkard, a gambler, a scoundrel, who betrayed his party and disgraced his country before his administration was half over.

In an ideal government the Vice-President would be as fit as in well-regulated monarchies, the heir-apparent is fit, to become the chief of State. But in our own system, men like Allison and Roosevelt refuse a Vice-Presidential nomination with scorn and only men of the calibre of "Tim" Woodruff and Charles Towne seek it. Who wants "Tim" Woodruff or Charles Towne for President in case the elected incumbent should die?

The remedy for this state of things, as it seems to us, is to make the Vice-President a member of the Cabinet or a Senator-at-large; to give him a dignified salary and an official residence and influence in the matter of patronage. If that were done even an Allison might not look upon the Vice-Presidential office with an inauspicious eye.

GROSVENOR'S ESTIMATE.

General Grosvenor's first estimate of the result of the coming national election is at hand and is noteworthy on account of the repute the veteran Ohio statesman enjoys for the accuracy of his political forecasts. It will be remembered that in 1896 he foretold with nearly sure precision what States would support McKinley in convention. Later on he made almost as good guesses about the States that would be carried by the Republican nominee, his only fault being that he underestimated the size of the triumph. He now figures that McKinley will have 200 electoral votes to Bryan's 174. He concedes Maryland and Kentucky to Bryan, classes Kansas as doubtful and is not without hope that Nebraska may go Republican. Gen. Grosvenor does not entertain the least fear for Indiana or New York. Whatever his sources of information may be he is probably very close to the truth.

AT LEWIS & TURK'S CHURCH.

Religious services led by Lewis & Turk would be a radiant innovation on Sunday customs of this city. We feel at liberty to assume that they would run something like this:

Lewis—Say Turk, pull de chapper. It's time to wide-open de gospel mill. See?

Turk—Dey's not a mazzabo in sight but dere's tree men in de cellar we might dope up and make 'em chaw music in de choir. Me and you can be de congregashun.

Lewis—You get down on de front and hilt seven or eight stiff dis way. If weze de congregashun whose goin' to put up de collectshun, hay?

(Turk appears in twenty minutes with nine sailors, one with a broken arm and four with black eyes.)

Turk—Dere's your congregashun Lewis. You lead de promenade and I'll be de collectshun caddy. Root dat choir out of de cellar and make 'em wheeze de melody. Dey'll sing "Almost Forsaken" or I'll bend in dere faces. Hey, you geezers in de pew—cough up now, I'm a passin' de sack. De services don't go and you don't go either till you sweat out de expenses. If you got no dough you can sign de order for an advance, see? Dis church ain't run on de cheap and if you duffers want spiritual consolation from me an' Lewis you got to pungle for it. What's dat? Say dat again and I'll bust your wishbone wid de growler. Do some stunts now, I'm watchin' your smoke. Hey? You won't will you? Hold de can, Lewis and see de tragedy. How did dat upper cut do, you cat-faced terrier? Ah-h-h—want another of dem side-lashes. You'll pay will you? I tought so. Now de rest of de congregashun can drop dere wad while Brother Lewis makes some fodder out of de text: "Blessed is de Cheerful Giver."

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LEPERS AND PAUPERS VOTE.

Among the defects of the new organic law of Hawaii is the want of a provision denying the right of suffrage to the defective, dependent and delinquent classes or such subdivisions of them as it is the custom in the United States to exclude from the voting privileges. We see nothing in the law as it stands which eliminates paupers, idiots, convicts, lepers and the like, and indeed it is conceded, now the point has been raised that lepers, in confinement at Mokuai, have as much right to vote at Hawaiian elections as Prince David or Governor Dole or any other free citizen.

Concessions like these should never have been made. They are opposed to the American method and are vitally wrong in themselves. On page 111 of the World Almanac for 1899 may be found a table of qualifications for voting in all the States and Territories. Not one State or Territory has so wide-open a law as our own. To begin alphabetically we find that Alabama excludes persons convicted of treason or other felonies. Idiots or insane; Arizona excludes Indians (the native owners of the soil) and Chinamen; Arkansas, Indians, insane, convicted of felony, until pardoned, failure to pay poll tax; California, Chinese, idiots, insane, embezzlers of public moneys, convicted of an infamous crime; Delaware, insane persons or paupers or people convicted of felony. The other examples are of the same general kind though Missouri specifically adds "persons in poorhouses"; Nevada, "unpardoned convicts"; North and South Dakota, "people under guardianship"; Wyoming, "people unable to read the State Constitution." Here in Hawaii the only persons excluded are aliens, male citizens who have lived here less than one year or being native to the soil have not reached their majority, citizens who have not registered or who cannot speak, read or write the English or Hawaiian language.

Probably in practice, idiots, insane persons and convicts will get no chance to cast ballots at Hawaiian elections. They are supposed to be kept under lock and key. But lepers, who are persons under confinement, dependent wards of the Territory, have free going. So, apparently, have men who were convicted of crimes or misdemeanors and who served full time for their offenses.

The theory upon which the exclusion of the dependent classes from the ballot box is carried out is that such persons, being under control of somebody else cannot be trusted to exercise their free choice at the polls. That is the reason why, in many parts of the Union, paupers are not permitted to vote. For precisely that cause lepers should have been excluded.

Look at the case judicially. Pity for the unfortunate victims of the scaly plague cannot enter into a discussion of this sort. It has no place. The point is can fair elections be assured when there is a large body of dependent voters in a corner where they can be coerced by whatever party or whatever faction may control the Board of Health? Let us conceive a Territorial government without scruple and we have the means by which it might, perhaps, steal a Legislature. The unscrupulous boss who, having the power, would threaten to cut down the supplies of the leper colony unless its voters went solidly for his ticket, could poll the whole outfit. Such an opportunity should not be given to any one.

Next December Congress will again convene and then, we presume, there will be a chance to secure the amendment of the Territorial Act in any particular where it is shown to be weak. That should be the opportunity and the means of bringing our suffrage law into line with American practice.

AMERICA AND CHINA.

The United States is not trying to get a sphere of influence in China and does not intend to keep troops in that country longer than may be necessary to restore and guarantee order. Secretary Hay instructed our Minister at Peking to act, not in concert with the European powers, but independently on the same lines; and to demand of the Chinese Government two things, namely: (1) The prompt disbandment of the Boxer Society or Righteous Harmony Fists, as the native name goes; (2) guarantees for the maintenance of peace and protection for the life and property of foreigners. In discussing what has followed up to the 2nd of June The Outlook says: "The Chinese Government has sent a note to the diplomatic representatives at Peking, promising to suppress the Boxers; but its ability to carry out this pledge is generally doubted. In the province of Chih, in which Peking is situated, the Boxers have waxed so strong as to massacre nearly a hundred Christians at Paoingfu (the largest city in Chih, except Peking and Tientsin), and since then they have massacred sixty native Christians at a village only forty miles from the capital. They also burned a railway station thirty miles from Peking, destroyed a number of cars, wrecked the track, and murdered several native employees. Five hundred refugees have sought protection in the French Cathedral at Peking. The Boxers have now defeated Government troops sent out to repress them. Here genuine is the desire of the Government for their repression is, however, doubtful. In the province of Hupe the Boxers have destroyed a number of villages occupied by native Christians and have massacred all the inhabitants. The troops sent to suppress the Boxers in the latter province were ambushed last week; twenty-six were killed and many wounded. It is in the province of Shantung, however, that the Boxers are strongest. It will not be forgotten that the pretext for the seizure of a port of Shantung, Kiaochow, by the Germans, was the murder of two German Roman Catholic missionaries. It is reported that the withdrawal of all missionaries from the interior has now become imperative. German troops are protecting our missionaries in Shantung, while at Taku, the port of Peking, the foreign war-ships have been augmented by the arrival of the United States cruiser Newark and the gunboat Wheeling to support Conger's demands."

Recurring to the diplomatic attitude of the United States it may be simply summed up in the phrase—the open door. All America wants is access to the Chinese markets on even terms with all other trading nations. If it can have this privilege other powers may have themselves with the care of the Chinese population and welcome.

If we had only got a Governor with a back-stairs cabinet of bosses the country would have been safe.

Just as soon as Mr. Bryan had finished his Texas tour a company was formed over there to build airships.

The American brand of ultimatum strikes the Porte as having about the same bouquet as the European brand.

Women are not held in much respect in China but when the Empress Dowager is close by the gentlemen don't mention it.

If Aguinaldo gets hold of wireless telegraphy and his friends do right by him at Manila he ought to keep in easy touch with the running record of his friend Bryan.

The Chinese government in offering \$5,000 for Leung Chi-tso's head did not add greatly to the premium on his life insurance. No Chinese criminal ignores the fact that if he should earn such a reward he would probably lose his head in trying to collect it.

Southern Democrats want Admiral Schley to be Bryan's running mate. The hero of Santiago is a Marylander, a Democrat and a man of civic ambitions, but he is not likely to find much pleasure in a canvass that would expose his naval record to all sorts of criticism and, in case he were elected, take him out of a life position on the active or retired list of the Navy.

The Ashanti negroes were badly punished by the British a few years ago, and their ruler, King Prempeh, was publicly whipped in the market place of his capital and then taken as a prisoner to Cape Coast Castle. It appeared that the blacks were permanently subdued but they managed to keep the king's good stool as a talisman and have now rallied about it for revenge. The British garrison at Coomassie was reduced below the safety point by drafts for Kitchener in the North and Buller in the South and the Ashanti's found it easy to cut the white men off. The Governor of the Coast district is trying to rescue them but his advance is being contested step by step.

President Krueger talks in the same "last ditch" fashion that the Confederates of the American Civil War affected when their cause was lost. He vaguely excuses his movable capital, which has been rolled conveniently near the Portuguese border and talks easily of a return to Pretoria. "Guerilla warfare" is a phrase that falls trippingly from his tongue though he must be well aware that if the British, after occupying both republics, offer amnesty, he cannot keep his thrifty burghers together. They will want to go back to attend to their families and their stock. It may be set down as a reasonable guess that Oom Paul will be a refugee in Lourenço Marques by July 1st.

Many important archaeological finds are being made, notably the one at Corinth, Greece, reported in our dispatches a week ago. A late Berlin telegram speaks of another discovery of widespread interest near Hamburg on the Danube between Vienna and Pressburg. It is there the old Roman camp of Caruntum was located. In excavating this place "the explorers came upon an armory and provision house containing 1037 weapons and pieces of armor and stores of barley, peas, etc. A great many inscriptions were found as well and the means by which the camp was supplied by water." Renewed stories about finding the mining works left in Africa by King Solomon's gold-hunters appear.

It was the hope of the Kansas politicians when they got General Funston back into the Philippine service that he would win no more fame and gradually pass out of the minds of the Kansas voters. But luck and pluck are still with the gallant young officer and he has rekindled the fires of Kansas patriotism by a new act of military distinction. This time he did not swim a river to get at the enemy but he climbed a beetling cliff by a bamboo ladder and found the hidden archives of the Filipino government and a large store of ammunition. Of course in the climbing he took his life in his hands, but that did not matter to Funston, who may be set down as being pretty sure, if he lives, of a Major General's stars and anything in the way of a civil office that his State has to bestow.

The natives are being drummed up in the country to support Robert W. Wilcox for Delegate in Congress. From a purely native point of view no worse selection could be made, for Wilcox has always led Hawaiians into trouble and is ever seeking a chance to sell them out. Just now his strong play is loyalty to the Queen, but when Liliuokalani was in her direct straits Wilcox was making annexation speeches. Here is a short one he uttered in the drill shed on the evening of March 21, 1893:

"Gentlemen: I wish to apologize for any imperfection in expression, as I am not in the habit of speaking in English. As the only Hawaiian present, I will say that when I begin an undertaking I will stand to it like a man. The time for Hawaii's sole independence is passed, but annexation to the United States will mean liberty and independence and perhaps the salvation of the native race."

"Wilcox stuck 'like a man' until he found that he was not going to get an office when he came out for a republic. Later he was a monarchist. Now he wants to go to Congress as an independent, but heaven knows what he would be two hours after he had arrived there."

China's open door has let in a small army of foreign troops who will probably see fit to stay there, as the British did in Egypt, to secure the peace of the country.

"The Mill Cannot Grind with Water That's Past,"

A fagged out, tearful little woman said this in telling her cares and weaknesses. Her friend encouraged by telling of a relative who was cured of just such troubles by Hood's Sarsaparilla. The little woman now has tears of joy, for she took Hood's, which put her blood in prime order, and